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Pacific Air Forces gets new command chief

By Capt. Allison Farabaugh
 Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii – Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop began his tenure as Command Chief for Pacific Air Forces on July 5th and it's a position he is extremely excited to occupy.

"I feel both honored and fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as the next Command Chief for Pacific Air Forces," he said. "I want to thank the Airmen of PACAF for what they are doing everyday. PACAF has some of the most extreme weather conditions and working environments any where in our Air Force ... and our Airmen are making the mission happen."

Chief Bishop is no stranger to the Pacific. He began his Air Force career at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam and spent two assignments at Kadena Air Base, Japan. He served as the 18th Wing Command Chief during his most recent assignment to Kadena.

"To me, this is a homecoming and I know how critical PACAF's mission is to the defense of the U.S. and the stability of the Pacific region," he said. "I am proud to serve along side the thousands of great Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who maintain peace in this critical region. I am equally proud of the tremendous PACAF family members who support our Airmen as they deploy in support of the Global War on Terror or launch one of PACAF's new C-17s to provide much needed humanitarian assistance to a needy region."

And his new boss agrees.

"I am very excited to have Chief Tony Bishop re-join our PACAF team," said Gen. Paul V. Hester, PACAF commander. "His demonstrated leadership and experience in this area of responsibility will enhance our ability to do our Nation's business through our great Air Force. He won't spend a lot of time in Hawaii as the chief wants to see and talk with all Airmen ... enlisted and officer."



photo by Capt. Allison Farabaugh

Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Bishop, new Pacific Air Forces command chief master sergeant, discusses security procedures with Senior Airman Jasmine Frank, 15th Airlift Wing Security Forces.

High-five!

Staff Sgt. Felita Rowe, Band of the Pacific-Asia based here, gives high-fives to a group of students from SDN-3 school, Indonesia, July 5 after giving a performance with the Pacific Trends band. The band was invited by the U.S. Embassy to perform for the school. The school has more than 300 students. It was the first time that people of the Pondok Kacang Barat community had the opportunity to experience American music and culture in person.



photo by Army Sgt. Catherine Talento

Complete NEO folders necessary for families to depart Yokota in emergency

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik
 374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Living in one of the most geologically volatile areas of the world requires a certain level of preparedness for the unexpected.

After responding to natural disasters around the Pacific including tsunamis, earthquakes, typhoons and mudslides, Airmen at Yokota Air Base should be ready to depart at a moment's notice if a massive natural disaster occurs.

Maintaining a current noncombatant evacuation operation folder is one of the most significant steps military members can take to ensure their families are prepared for NEO events such as floods, volcanic eruption or any natural disaster that can cause physical harm – even to the extent of civil unrest.

"The purpose of a NEO folder is so families have all their important documents in one place if they need to depart within hours," said Tech. Sgt. Cesa Sullivan, the Readiness noncommissioned officer in charge at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. "Each family is responsible for making sure they have filled out all the required forms in their folders. If an evacuation occurs and a family shows up without their forms completed, we have to move them to the back of the line to fill out paperwork while we process others through the center."

There are multiple forms in a NEO folder, some of which will apply only to certain indi-

viduals on Yokota. Each unit has a unit NEO coordinator who can help families understand what forms need to be filled out and what forms may not apply to them.

"My job as NEO coordinator is to ensure family members' NEO folders are 100 percent ready to leave at a moment's notice," said Tech. Sgt. Reginald Moore, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron NEO coordinator. "Giving peace of mind to the sponsor that their family can leave while they work to continue the mission is why NEO coordinators are here."

Each NEO folder has six parts to complete. Part I includes the annual review record, NEO commander and NEO coordinator contact letters and a map to the NEO processing center.

Part II contains the following four forms: DD Form 2461, Authorization for Emergency Evacuation Advance and Allotment Payment for DoD civilian employees; DD Form 1377, Authorization/Designation for emergency Pay and Allowance (optional if 2585 is completed); AF Form 357, Dependent Care Certification (for single parents or military married to military); OF Form 28, Department of State Evacuation Documentation.

Folders must contain an AF Form 624, Base Locator card and DD Form 2585, Repatriation Processing Center Processing Sheet in Part III. The three items required in Part IV of a NEO folder include an AF Form

1670, Valuable Property Record (available from household goods shipment); Proof of Citizenship and Immunization Records for family members.

Mandatory items that need to be maintained in Part V of a NEO folder include passports, visas, marriage and birth certificates, identification cards and immunization records (for pets). Copies of these documents are permitted in the folder as long as the originals are on hand to be presented if requested.

Part VI includes items that are recommended, and just like in Part V, copies are OK in the folder as long as originals are kept on hand. These items include vehicle registration/title, financial records, insurance policies, alien registration cards, financial power of attorney, wills, cash/bond/stock certificates and other identification.

"The optional items in Part VI of the folder are important to keep not just for NEO but as a part of the military way of life where readiness is essential," said Sergeant Sullivan. "With a list of assets and proof of their existence in your household, reimbursement is made much easier if they are damaged or lost because of a natural disaster."

With a complete NEO folder accessible, military members and their families can rest a little easier knowing they will be taken care of if a NEO were to occur. For more information about the NEO program, contact a unit NEO coordinator or the AFRC 225-8725.

Japan key member of coalition in Iraq

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Hansen

386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN) – For the first time since its formation in 1954, members of the Japan Air Self-Defense Force are actively deployed to a combat zone. They are helping with humanitarian relief and reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

"I feel the responsibility of this valuable work for the world and am proud to take part in this operation," said Col. Atsushi Nishino, commander of the JASDF Iraq Reconstruction Support Airlift Wing. "(Our mission is crucial) because reconstruction and stabilizing Iraq is important for global stability and peace, not only in the Middle East."

Their primary mission here is to provide airlift support to the Japan Ground Self-Defense Forces in Samawah, Iraq. But with reconstruction well under way in that area, the ground forces will start withdrawing in July. However, officials with the JASDF Iraq Reconstruction Support Airlift Wing plan to remain here and continue providing support as part of the coalition.

"Doing this important mission (here) with troops who have the same goals – stabilizing and reconstructing Iraq – is a wonderful thing," Colonel Nishino said.

At home, the JASDF's mission is to preserve peace, stability and independence for its nation. The role of forces here involves gaining the support of the Iraqi people.

"The JASDF partnership is key to the coalition victory in the war on terrorism," said Col. Timothy Hale, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing commander. "The support of their heroic humanitarian missions demonstrates that the resolve to bring peace to this region is shared by dozens of nations, each bringing unique skills to the battle for the hearts of the Iraqi people."

The Japanese airlift wing includes about 200 troops on four-month rotations. Since the first group arrived in December 2003, they have flown more than 325 sorties and carried more than 460 tons of cargo.

"I feel working with coalition forces contributes to rising



photos by Staff Sgt. Ryan Hansen

Above, a Japan Air Self-Defense Force security forces troop salutes and opens the gate to the flightline at a location in Southwest Asia. Below, a JASDF aircrew load and pre-flight one of their C-130s before a mission recently.

reliability and understanding among (each other)," Colonel Nishino said.

The wing is also responsible for moving cargo for humanitarian support activities from their homeland, and transporting Multi-National Force Iraq members and other servicemembers around the theater.

To perform this wide-ranging mission the JASDF relies on a group of C-130s and Airmen with varied backgrounds and expertise. They include civil engineers, flight engineers, maintenance officers and technicians, medics, navigators, pilots, security forces and logisticians.

Being co-located in a deployed environment has given the JASDF and U.S. Air Force quite a few opportunities to work together. The two units commonly share equipment, swap information and participate in each other's activities.

"I appreciate (the Air Force's) support," Colonel Nishino said of the sharing of information, aircraft parts and services. "This support helps us a lot with our safety and certain operational and welfare for my troops."

And working side-by-side with the Air Force at a forward location for the first time has also been an opportunity to build relationships for some members of both armed services branches.

"It has been a phenomenal experience to renew friendships with warriors from a nation I know well," Colonel Hale said. "As a commander at Yokota Air Base, Japan, a number of years ago, I grew to love the people and culture of Japan. It is a pleasure to work shoulder to shoulder to bring peace to this region and demonstrate our long and lasting friendship and camaraderie to the people of this area."

"I think (our deployment here) contributes to rising reliability of the alliance between the U.S and Japan," Colonel Nishino said. "I think this is a wonderful thing."



Wing's largest group change of command

By Capt. Ben Alumbaugh

374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Samurai of the 374th Airlift Wing welcomed a new Mission Support Group commander in Col. Lee Wyatt during a ceremony Thursday in Hangar 15.

"Taking command of MSG: Superb! There's not a better group anywhere," said Colonel Wyatt. "My wife, Sherri, and I are looking forward to working with the best Airmen in the United States Air Force."

Colonel Wyatt assumed command from Col. William Story, who will become an instructor at the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Colonel Wyatt comes from Langley Air Force Base, Va., where he was the chief, Services Operations Division for Air Combat Command.

Prior to that assignment, the colonel was commander of the 99th Services Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

The colonel is a fifth generation military member and the son of a retired Air Force senior non-commissioned officer. Colonel Wyatt graduated from Sylvan Hills High School, Little Rock, Ark., in 1978. The colonel was commissioned in 1985 through Officer Training School. Colonel Wyatt has served in combat support at numerous levels to include squadron, group, joint and at major command.

As commander of the 374th Mission Support Group, the colonel is responsible to the 374th Airlift Wing commander for command, control and direction of support activities to the 374th AW and 32 associate units to include U.S. Forces-Japan and 5th Air Force. The 374th MSG provides security, communications and computer systems, information management, facilities and repair, logistics, contracting, people programs and quality of life for 11,000 military and civilians worth more than \$2 billion in assets.

Nihon-go now

⇒ **How are you?**

Ogenki desu ka.
(oh-geh-n-kee dess kah.)

⇒ **I am fine.**

Genki desu.
(geh-n-kee dess.)

⇒ **Thank you!**

Arigato gozaimashita.
(ah-lee-gah-toh goh-zah-ee-mah-shee-tah.)

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Be prepared during typhoon season

By Master Sgt. Dominique Brown
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The first typhoon of the season for the Kanto Plain was right on schedule last week. Fortunately Typhoon Ewiniar turned off to the west and did not become an issue for the local area.

According to the base weather flight the predication is three typhoons this season will come close enough to affect Yokota Air Base, which sits about 40 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean.

In the United States people board up their windows and evacuate during a hurricane, but in Japan everyone shelters in place and is advised to stay away from windows. "Houses in the U.S. are constructed to meet building codes that are structurally sound, but often are not hurricane-proof. The housing on Yokota is constructed to a higher standard and is very safe," said Maj. Erin Willingham, 374th Operations Support Squadron weather flight commander. "However, the chance

of projectiles breaking windows is always present, so it is vital that families clear their yard of toys and other lightweight items that could become missiles when strong winds blow."

The Kanto Plain's last severe typhoon was in 1994 – Super Typhoon Orchid, which resulted in 55 knot winds at Yokota.

It takes just a little planning for community members to be prepared for a typhoon.

"It's best for base members to have supplies ready before typhoons arrive," said Major Willingham. "During Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness changes, the stores will run out of basic items as many people try to stock up at the last minute. The critical things to have on hand are bottled water, flashlights, a battery operated radio and batteries."

The Yokota American Red Cross advises the same and adds the following additional items as a minimum for a Disaster Supply Kit:

- ✓ First aid kit and essential medications
- ✓ Canned food and can opener
- ✓ At least three gallons of water per person
- ✓ Protective clothing, rainwear and bedding
- ✓ Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members

"A few work centers and duties will remain open or continue even during a typhoon passage. In that case, those work centers should plan for personnel to re-

main at work through the duration," said Major Willingham.

Being prepared for a typhoon or other disasters also includes having a contact plan in place.

"Establish a point of contact with your stateside family to prevent unnecessary worrying," said Jane Dustman, American Red Cross regional manager here. "Communication lines might be limited. This way you only need to make one phone call to let everyone know you are all right, and family members will know to stay near the phone or leave the answering machine on, and also to let the rest of the family know."

During a typhoon and after it has passed, community members are directed to monitor the Eagle 810 AM radio station, Services Channel 12 and Weather Channel 13 for the latest information and further guidance.

"If we can prevent injury to even one of our community members, or prevent damage to even one aircraft, then all the preparedness and actions were worth it," said the major. "We are past due for the next big storm and we must remain alert and prepared."

For more information about TCCOR levels or disaster preparedness, refer to the base phone book.

The American Red Cross chapter also provides free pamphlets and disaster survival guides and also sells survival kit gear and equipment. Visit their Web site at www.prepare.org.

Graduates of Airman Leadership School

The following senior airmen recently graduated from the Airman Leadership School here:

Kenneth McCoy, 374th Security Forces Squadron, John L. Levitow award;

Lyle Dickie, 374th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, distinguished graduate and academic achievement award;

Jesus Artesi, 374th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, distinguished graduate;

Michael Jones, Det. 2 Pacific Air Forces Air Postal Squadron, leadership award.

Graduates also included:

Johnitra Barnes, 374th Communications Squadron; **Ryan Bell**, 374th SFS; **Gilbert Carrasco**, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Ambrial Earvin**, 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Corey Fields**, 374th Medical Support Squadron; **Willard Glass**, 374th AMXS; **Keoysha Greene**, 374th CS; **Jeremy Gullett**, 374th CS; **Kwane Harris**, 374th LRS; **Michael Harris**, 374th LRS; **Tina Hood**, 374th Mission Support Group;

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(Courtesy of Airman Leadership School)



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Military's Pacific presence – but why?

North Korea's July 4 missile launches put exercises, mission into perspective

By Lt. Col. Andrew McIntyre
36th Airlift Squadron

I struggled to find a theme for this article. As I woke up on the morning of July 5 after a night of great fireworks, the topic fell right in my lap.

I learned that North Korea had test fired multiple missiles into the Sea of Japan. I had followed the launch speculation for weeks, but after a while, it dropped out of my crosscheck. What a difference a day makes!

North Korea launched seven missiles in 24 hours. Is there any doubt as to why we are here? We've practiced time and again for this scenario. Many would argue, given our recent exercise schedule, that we have over-practiced this scenario. It is events such as this that remind us how important a forward-based Pacific presence is and how quickly we would have to respond. The missile launches provide a great mechanism for us

to examine how best we can support our mission.

Using the timeline of the test shots, we can assume that the opening stages of conflict could come very quickly with lethal consequences. Yokota's Airmen will have to react rapidly on multiple levels.

On a personal level, we will need our individual readiness items.

Some things are easy to have close by like your Airman's manual or personal protective equipment. The recent operational readiness exercises and inspection has helped us to do this.

Some things may not be so obvious or easy. A great example is your family's noncombatant evacuation folders. They need periodic review just like your gas mask.

Speaking of which, all the items in our C-bags have a shelf life as well. Assuming you needed your "real-world" gear

tomorrow, would all your equipment be current?

Every Airman here at Yokota must be completely ready now. The threat will not allow us the luxury of preparation time. With your personal readiness assured, it is time to look at your unit.

Each unit here plays a vital role in supporting the mission. We can only fulfill that role if we're intimately familiar with it.

Fortunately, we have source documents that tell us who, what, when, where, and how your unit supports the fight. From the commander to unit deployment monitor, to the member, we each must know our role. As my boss stressed to me the other day, unit leaders – from the commander to the noncommissioned officer – should instill a sense of ownership for carrying out your mission.

Now that your people and unit are ready, it is time to

interact with the other Yokota agencies.

We all have to work together to make the mission happen. Doctrinally, we call this unity of effort. It seems simple enough, but turning doctrine into practice is never easy.

Have you identified and established relationships with the other key unit's that help you accomplish your unit's mission? Without strong ties and sharing the responsibility of mission accomplishment between units, we won't achieve unity of effort. In the missile scenario, the time to establish those relationships is now.

Seven missiles in 24 hours ... yes, what a difference a day can make.

It is worth a few minutes to think how this event might influence you, your unit, and the 374th Airlift Wing.

Stay sharp and press on!

"I had followed the launch speculation for weeks, but after awhile, it dropped out of my cross-check. What a difference a day makes!"

Time marches on for the U.S. military, but faces of warriors don't change

By Chief Master Sgt. Robert Wicks
36th Wing command chief master sergeant

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam (AFPN) – A few weeks ago, a friend shared some pictures of warriors printed in the Air Force Sergeant Association's "Sergeants" magazine. As I looked at these warriors who had battled in wars years apart, I thought, "Generations have passed, but the face of the warrior is the same."

I saw the faces of our past warriors when I visited Iwo Jima, the site of one of the landmark battles of World War II. I walked the black sand beach where the men hit the shore, stood on top of the volcanic crater of Mt. Suribachi, and heard briefings on the defensive and offensive maneuvers those brave men executed. I took in the entire landscape where those American and Japanese warriors battled, and I gained a new appreciation for the courage and determined will of our American fighters.

While there, I saw a vision of the face of those brave warriors; it was a face chiseled by devotion, passion, skill and discipline. The face was focused on an ideal bigger than them. This vision penetrated me to my

inner core and made me wonder if my face showed the signs of a warrior.

When I enlisted in our Air Force in 1977, I didn't have a clue what it meant to be a warrior. I was just a simple country boy from Pennsylvania who had a lot of passion for serving his country.

But throughout the years, I have developed a collage of fundamentals that I have picked up from others, and these are the things that have helped me develop as an Airman warrior.

- √ Live your life with absolute integrity.
- √ Love what you are doing and do what you love.
- √ Be a standard bearer.
- √ Know your stuff.
- √ Train like you fight.
- √ Live like your life depended on it.
- √ Explore your limitations, but make the most of your opportunities.
- √ Treat others the way you want to be treated.

These eight fundamentals have become part of my inner fabric, and I believe they help develop the warriors of today as they did warriors of the past.

Integrity is the core of your character and your character is who you are; you do

what is right, regardless of the cost. Make the most of what you are given. Carpe diem – seize the day. Know what is required, do it and enforce it.

Your substance is your foundation, and knowing "it" is the responsibility of every human being. Be an expert at what you do. And to do that, you must train – it is central to making us better at what we do.

During World War II, the men of the 101st Airborne trained for more than two years to prepare for the Normandy invasion and the grueling battles they subsequently faced. How much do you train to do your job? I believe that good isn't good enough when you are capable of excellent. So, don't just shuffle through; make the most of your chances.

Finally, the last fundamental is so important. Every Airman deserves five-star treatment whether they are an airman basic or a general officer. That seems so simple, yet we sometimes fall so short.

Though the implements of war have changed, the face of the warrior – chiseled by these same fundamentals – is passionate, skilled, disciplined, honed, trained and focused, and has the same distinct look yesterday and today.



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Summer festivals in neighboring cities offer family friendly fun

By Capt. Ben Alumbaugh
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The summer brings festival season to Japan and Yokota's surrounding communities offer their own festivals for people to enjoy.

Yokota is bordered by five cities and one town, so everyone has a chance to catch at least one festival this summer.

Hamura City will hold their Summer Festival July 29 and 30. July 30 sees Inagi City hosting

their festival. Fussa City will hold theirs over Aug. 3 to 6, and if you are adventurous, Akiruno's Summer Festival is Aug. 5.

The festivals are usually held in July or August and some are referred to as "Tanabata," meaning "Seven Evenings," and are derived from Japanese traditions revolving around Obon.

Obon is an annual Buddhist event for commemorating one's ancestors. It is believed each year during Obon, the ancestor's spirit

return to this world in order to visit their relatives.

The festival originated from The Festival to Plead for Skills, which was celebrated in the Kyoto Imperial Palace during the Heian Period (794 A.D. to 1185 A.D.) The festival spread to the general public by the early Edo period (1603 to 1867), became mixed with various Obon traditions, and developed into the modern Tanabata festival. In the Edo period, girls wished for better sewing and craftsmanship, and boys wished for better handwriting by writing wishes on strips of paper.

In present-day Japan, people generally celebrate this day by writing wishes, sometimes in the form of poetry on tanzaku, or small pieces of paper, and hanging them on bamboo, sometimes with other decorations.

The bamboo and decorations are often set float on a river or burned after the festival, around midnight or on the next day. This resembles the custom of floating paper ships and candles on rivers during Obon.

Many areas in Japan have their own Tanabata customs, which are mostly related to local Obon traditions.

There is also a traditional song that goes with Tanabata that is taught to almost every Japanese child. The original Tanabata date was based on the Japanese Lunisolar calendar, which is about a month behind the Gregorian calendar. As a result, some festivals are held on July 7 while some are held on Aug. 7.

Large-scale Tanabata festivals are held in many places in Japan, mainly along shopping malls and streets, which are deco-



photo by Senior Airman Katie Thomas

Above, the Tanabata Dancers, a base private organization that performs traditional Japanese dances across the Kanto Plain throughout the summer, gives a performance at a local home for the aged in Fussa City in July 2004. Bottom left, mikoshis, or shrines, are lined up in annual Tanabata Festival held in Fussa City in August 2005. Below, a local citizen enjoys the Fussa Tanabata celebration in August 2004 wearing traditional Japanese summer clothes.



photo by Kaori Matsukasa

rated with large, colorful streamers. Although Tanabata festivals vary from region to region, most festivals involve Tanabata decoration competitions.

Other events may include parades and Miss Tanabata contests. Like other Japanese festivals, many outdoor stalls sell food, provide carnival games and more, adding to the festive atmosphere.

People traditionally use seven different kinds of decorations, each representing different meanings. The seven decorations and their symbolic meanings are:

Paper strips (*Tanzaku*): wishes for good handwriting and studies.

Paper Kimono (*Kamigoromo*): wishes for good sewing. Wards off accidents and bad health

Paper Crane (*Orizuru*): family safety, health, and long life.

Purse (*Kinchaku*):

good business.

Net (*Toami*): good fishing and harvests.

Trash Bag (*Kuzukago*): cleanliness and unwastefulness

Streamers (*Fukinagashi*): the strings that Orihime uses to weave.



photo by Val Gempis

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Off base

Auto Gallery Tokyo 2006: Tokyo Big Sight is hosting this annual auto show July 28 and 29. The Sight is a five-minute walk from the Rinkai Line or Yurikamome Tneji-jo Station.

31st Hamura Natsu Matsuri: The city of Hamura is hosting its annual summer festival July 29 from 3 to 8:30 p.m. on the east side of JR Hamura Station. The festival includes a dance parade, samba contest, booths and more. Volunteers are also needed to help run a cotton candy booth for the Hamura-Yokota Friendship Club. E-mail ryo-nozaki@mtf.biglobe.ne.jp.

Japanese Iris Festival: The Fukiage Shobu Park is hosting this festival through Aug. 2. More than 100,000 bulbs will be in bloom. It is a 15-minute walk from JR Ome Line's Higashi-Ome Station.

Spring Rose Festa: The Jindai Shokubutsu Park is hosting this festa through Aug. 2. It includes a competition and numerous displays. Call 042-482-2300

Fussa Tanabata Festival: Fussa City is hosting a traditional Japanese festival Aug. 3 through 5 around the Fussa Station's west exit.

Antique Jamboree: It is the largest antique fair in Japan, held at Tokyo Big Sight Aug. 4 to 6. More than 500 dealers will be there. It is a five-minute walk from the Rinkai Line or Yurikamome Tneji-jo Station.

Akishima Kujira Festival and fireworks: This summer festival includes music, games, performances and a parade Aug. 5-6. Fireworks will be Aug. 5 at 8:50 p.m. It is located behind the JR Ome Line's Akishima Station, west exit.

On base

Movies

Today – *Superman Returns*, PG-13, 6 p.m.; *American Dreamz*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday – *Goal! The Dream Begins*, PG, 2 p.m.; *Superman Returns*, PG-13, 6 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

Sunday – *RV*, PG, 2 p.m.; *Superman Returns*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Monday – *Silent Hill*, R, 7 p.m.

Tuesday – *RV*, PG, 7 p.m.

Wednesday – *Superman Returns*, PG, 13, 7 p.m. (adults only)

Thursday – *Poseidon*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

Shopping trip

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is offering a Machida shopping center trip July 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 225-8725.

Pre-deployment

A pre-deployment briefing is held every Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend the briefing. Call 225-3347.

Homeschool group

The Yokota Homeschool Group hosts monthly meetings, field trips and more during the school year. Send an e-mail to yokotahomeschoolers@hotmail.com.

Tanabata Dancers

Learn to perform traditional Japanese dances with the Tanabata Dancers. Practices are on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and are held in Tower 2085. E-mail tanabata_dancers@hotmail.com.

Airmen's Attic

Volunteers are needed to work at the Airmen's Attic to staff the store and sort donations. Call Master Sgt. Dominique Brown at 225-7338.

Bundles for Babies

The Airmen and Family Readiness Center offers an educational program July 25 from 9 a.m. to noon for couples expecting a baby. Topics include infant care and selecting a caregiver. Call 225-8725.

Post Office closure

The Yokota Post Office will be closed July 21 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for an official function, then back to normal operating hours.

Tuition assistance

The Base Training and Education Services Flight is accepting Air Force spouse tuition assistance applications for Term I through July 21. Call 225-7337.

Red Cross training

The local American Red Cross chapter is offering a community first aid and safety class Saturday. The class is first come, first serve. Call 225-7522.

Project John 316

A free coffee bar is offered every Friday from 7 p.m. to midnight in the building behind the Traditional Chapel for all young adults. An educational and inspirational gathering is held Tuesdays beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the same building. Call 227-5654, 227-5691, 080-6536-7108, or 090-1107-2107.

Origami class

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is hosting an Origami, (also known as Japanese paper-folding) class July 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 225-8725.

Motorcycle Instructors

Motorcycle rider coaches are needed. Classes are free and class dates are from July 31 to Aug. 9. For more information, visit www.YokotaMC.org.

Deployed dinner

Families with deployed members are invited to an Asian dinner at the Airman and Family Readiness Center July 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. Meet with other families of deployed spouses. Call 225-8725.

Money management

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is offering "It's Your Move," a 10-module class about money management. Sessions are available July 17, 19, 21, 24, 26 and 28. Call 225-8725.

225-RIDE

Volunteers are needed for 225-RIDE. Send an e-mail to 225-RIDE@yokota.af.mil.

Samurai Warrior



of the Week



Tech. Sgt. Gilles Brochu

Tech. Sgt. Gilles Brochu, 374th Comptroller Squadron, is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the qualities of sympathy toward all people, sincerity and respect for one's word of honor, absolute loyalty to one's superior and a duty to defend the honor of one's name and guild.

Sergeant Brochu is a financial analyst responsible for keeping the 374th Airlift Wing's budget balanced. He personally developed an automated funds tracker that consolidated associate unit and wing funding into a user-friendly program, saving three hours a week. He also deployed to Singapore in support of Indonesian earthquake relief efforts providing financial support to the 374th Air Expeditionary Group.

Catholic Mass

This Sunday's Catholic Mass service will be at 5 p.m. only. Morning mass will resume the following Sunday.

School lunches

Applications are being accepted for the Department of Defense's free and reduced lunch program for the upcoming school year. Families must submit applications and paperwork to the school liaison in Bldg. 316.

Spouse employment

If you are a military spouse and would like assistance searching for a job, stop by the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Classes are available to help you get started. For more information email tracie.hathorn@yokota.af.mil.

Correction

The July 7 edition, page 3 photo titled "Weather mission comes to a close" incorrectly identified the technician in the photo. His name is actually Mr. Nobaru Aiba.

Bible studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel offers a Bible study throughout the summer in addition to its regular fall studies. Call 225-7009.

Chapel Schedule

Traditional (West) Chapel
Catholic: Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant: Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical service Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; Seventh Day Adventists, Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Contemporary (East) Chapel

Protestant: Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Korean Service, Sundays at 2 p.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.

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“Quotes” & Things

“If me and King Kong went into an alley, only one of us would come out, and it wouldn’t be the monkey.”

Lyle Alzado

Cheerleading: The Yokota High School cheerleading squad is hosting tryouts Aug. 8 and 9 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Samurai Fitness Center. A parents meeting is Aug. 7 at the high school lecture hall at 6:30 p.m. E-mail to yhs.cheerleaders@yahoo.com.

Golf tournament: The 374th Airlift Wing Commander’s Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 21 at Tama Hills Golf Course. The cost is \$40. per person. Open to military, DoD and Japanese National employees, civilians and dependents. Sign up is by 4 p.m. today at 374aw.golf@yokota.af.mil.

Circuit training: Morning Madness circuit training is held at the Samurai Fitness Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. Call 225-8322.

Fit Mom: Women who are pregnant can attend this class, held Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Natatorium. Exercises include walking in water, hydracircuits, swimming and walk activities. Call 225-8322.

Fluid Replacement: According to the Health and Wellness Center, sports drinks are meant to replace fluids, supply calories and replace sodium and potassium lost through perspiration. Most athletes do not need a sports drink unless they have exercised vigorously for at least one hour. Water is the best replacement for light to moderate exercise.

Mistakes prove costly again for Warriors

Yokota loses heartbreaker to Misawa Marauders

By Capt. Ben Alumbaugh
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Yokota came within seconds of toppling the Misawa Marauders Saturday night at Bonk Field, but unfortunately it wasn’t to be as the Warriors lost 12-9.

Yokota put themselves in position to put the game into overtime with a field goal, but Luis Adorno Martinez’s attempt fluttered and stopped well short of the goal posts as time ran out leaving the Warriors to think of what might have been.

In a first half full of errors, Yokota cost themselves the chance to win the game as Misawa took advantage of the mistakes and the direction of the game in the second half to finish off the Warriors.

Three times the Warriors had the ball in scoring position and turned the ball over to Misawa allowing the Marauders to take the lead going into halftime 12-9.

Even though the scoring was done by halftime, Misawa controlled the field in the

second half and never let Yokota have a sniff of a scoring chance until the last minute of the game.

Yokota could have changed the momentum in the third quarter as a good drive down the field highlighted by a 20-yard pass from quarterback Jacob Dowdell to tight end Patrick Piazza and then a 15-yard run on a draw play by Kevin Hill put the Warriors deep in Misawa territory.

Three consecutive penalties pushed the Warriors back and Misawa’s defense forced Yokota to punt ending the third quarter.

Misawa started the fourth quarter with the ball and kept it on a time consuming drive that put them inside Yokota’s 10-yard line with less than two minutes left in the game.

The Warriors defense stiffened and got the ball back on downs as Misawa tried to kill off the game.

With 1:22 left in the game Yokota took over at their five-yard line with only one timeout remaining. Dowdell quickly moved the chains with a quarterback keeper around the right side to the Yokota 18. On the ensuing play, Dowdell avoided the Marauder

rush, but overthrew Jason Carter, leaving only 1:09 on the clock.

A pass interference on Misawa on the next play moved the chains again and gave the Warriors hope.

The small, but vocal crowd at Bonk Field used the tension on the field to add to their voice to try and drive their team down the field. Unfortunately, a holding penalty on Yokota pushed them back and ate some more clock.

Piazza once again made a crucial catch on the next play, but was tackled in the middle of the field, which kept the clock running.

The Warriors quickly got to the line of scrimmage and ran another pass play to Piazza who got to the Marauders 40 with 13 seconds left in the game.

Dowdell then took the ball himself on a run and was able to get out of bounds at Misawa’s 25 with 6.6 seconds left in the game.

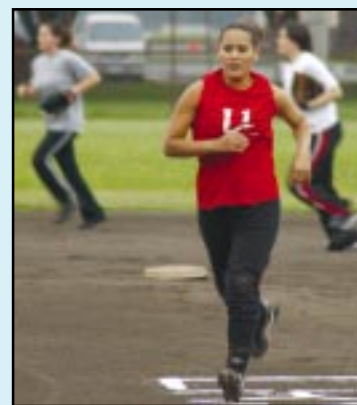
Rather than taking a chance on game clock run out on another play, the Warriors went for a game-tying field goal, but the kick fell well short of the goal and ended the Warriors dreams for a dramatic comeback.

Women’s softball champions two years in a row



photos by Airman 1st Class Brian Kimball

Right, Defense Finance and Accounting Service/Comptroller Squadron score one of their two runs in the women’s intramural championship softball game July 7 at Wilkins Field. Below, a member of the Services team runs back to first base in action during the game. The Services team defeated DFAS/CPTS 13-2 to take the 2006 championship.



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